

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 880

Topic: Red tape reduction

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?

1. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target?

Answer:

The Department has established a central Deregulation Unit, led by an SES officer, to ensure it meets the Government's red tape reduction target. Details of structures and staffing have been provided in response to QoN 883.

The Department is working in close collaboration with the Office of Deregulation in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet who are monitoring progress towards the Government's \$1 billion annual regulatory savings target.

As part of this, the Department has contributed several measures to the first parliamentary Repeal Day.

The Department is undertaking an audit of its existing regulatory stock that will inform deeper regulatory reform opportunities into the future. Additionally, the Department is developing tools and processes to support better regulatory practices across the Department.